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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Applicants submit hereby the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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A copy of the September 4, 2007 Search Report (with English translation) that was issued in the Japanese counterpart of the present Application (i.e., No. 2003-571523) is provided. Copies of References Nos. 2, 4 and 8 with English Abstracts are provided. Also, provided are International Publication No. WO 86/04615 which is understood to be a counterpart of Reference No. 5, and International Publication No. WO 95/12004 which is understood to be a counterpart of Reference No. 6.

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For the convenience of the Examiner, a Form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above publications are considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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